Welcome to the ERAS 2021 recruitment season!

Throughout the recruitment season we will continue to share important information but to get started, below is a summary of what is new this season as well as enhancements to the Program Director’s Workstation (PDWS).

The PDWS Update Release Notes section of the PDWS community site provides an archive of all enhancements that have been made to the PDWS as well.

If you have any questions regarding the updates and enhancements, please contact our ERAS Client Technical Support at 202-828-0413 or (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. ET).

Best wishes for a successful year,

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Application Review

Work Authorization – The work authorization selection “U.S. Citizen, Legal Permanent Resident, Refugee, Asylee” has been updated to include “National” and will now display “U.S. Citizen or National, Legal Permanent Resident, Refugee, Asylee.” Application and filter fields have been automatically updated.

Postgraduate Training Authorization Letter (PTAL) Removed – Due to recent changes made by the Medical Board of California (MBC), the PTAL is no longer required for international medical graduates entering training in California programs. As a result, all PTAL features and references have been removed from the system.

COMLEX-USA & USMLE Exam Transcript Changes – In partnership with the NBME and NBOME, formatting changes have been made to the PDWS version of the COMLEX-USA and USMLE transcripts.

The National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), the USMLE Step 2 Clinical Skills (CS) examinations have been suspended since March 16, 2020.

The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME), the COMLEX-USA Level 2 Performance Evaluation (PE) examinations have been suspended since March 7, 2020.

These dates are noted on all exam transcripts displayed in the PDWS.

COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE and USMLE Step 2 CS exam results administered prior to the suspension (March 7 and 16) will be reported on exam transcripts displayed in the PDWS.

For more information regarding COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE, please contact NBOME at (773) 714-0622 (Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. ET) or ClientServices@nbome.org. For more information regarding USMLE Step 2 CS, please contact the NBME at (215) 590-9700 or scores@nbme.org.

Notes Indicator – An indicator in the Notes sub-tab has been added to enable programs to easily identify the number of note(s) that have been added for an applicant.
**Filters**

**Filter Value and System-Defined Filter Name Changes**

ERAS has renamed a few system-defined filters and values to be more explicit and accurate in depicting the medical school types and D.O. graduates in the PDWS filter results.

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Scheduler

Scheduler History – This season, ERAS is introducing the Scheduler History in place of the Scheduler Responses. This feature is a catalog of actions taken by PDWS users, the applicants they invite to interview, and the automated waitlist (when enabled). These records are maintained throughout the current recruitment cycle. A complementary dashboard widget will provide users with an at-a-glance view of the most pertinent changes that would require user action.

Interviewer Availability – Interviewers will now have the capability to mark their own availability in the PDWS. This feature eliminates the task of manually entering all interviewers’ available dates and multiple communications between program administrators and interviewers to ascertain those dates.

Scheduler Setup Navigation – A secondary navigation to the Scheduler Setup has been added under the Setup Tab in the general view of the PDWS for more streamlined accessibility.
Standardized Video Interview (SVI)
(For Emergency Medicine Programs Only)

SVI Removal — The AAMC will not renew or expand the operational pilot of the SVI for emergency Medicine for the ERAS 2021 season. As such, all SVI features and references have been removed. For more information, please visit the AAMC SVI Evaluation Summary Webpage.

Medical Schools

School Name Changes
(PDWS filters that include the previous school name will automatically be updated to the new school name)

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New Medical Schools and Campuses

- Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine – Arizona
- Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine – Florida
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Medicine
- University of Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine
- Washington State University Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine

ERAS Community Site

Community Site Reminder — Access learning resources, announcements, upcoming events and updates to training content through the Community Site. As a reminder, the Community Site is a place to collaborate, discuss and share best practices with other PDWS users.

Please direct any technical issues to ERAS Client Technical Support.